

REMARKS

The above amendments are made to eliminate improper multi-dependencies in order to ensure examination of all claims consistent with 37 CFR 1.75(c), and place the claims in better form for examination. The amendments are not "narrowing" amendments. The scope of the claims has not been reduced; no limitations have been added and none are intended.

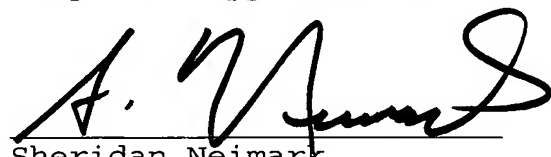
Applicants respectfully reserve their right to add claims at a later stage commensurate in scope with claims which may have been eliminated by the removal of all multi-dependencies.

Applicants respectfully await the results of a first examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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